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CENTRAL PARK CONSERVANCY, INC.

Opposition No. 91205964

Opposer,

Serial No. : 85/393.670

Filing Date : August 9, 2011 Mark : CENTRAL PARK

v.

LONGBOARDER GLOBAL ROLLING

SUSOIX LLC,

Classes : 035, 041

Applicant.

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CENTRAL PARK CONSERVANCY, INC.'S MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN OPPOSITION TO SUSOIX LLC'S PARTIAL MOTION TO DISMISS

Opposer Central Park Conservancy, Inc. ("CPC"), by and through its attorneys Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, respectfully submits this Memorandum of Law in Opposition to Susoix LLC's ("Susoix") Partial Motion to Dismiss dated August 6, 2012 ("Susoix Motion").

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

Despite the repeated allegations in CPC's Notice of Opposition ("Opposition") that Susoix's proposed "CENTRAL PARK LONGBOARDER GLOBAL ROLLING" mark with its accompanying "skateboard shaped map" of Central Park (the "Longboarder Mark") clearly, and falsely, suggests a connection between Susoix and Central Park and is therefore unregisterable under Section 2(a) of the Lanham Act, Susoix alleges that CPC's false association claim under Section 2(a) should be dismissed for failure to state a claim. Susoix's Motion is based on the faulty premise that CPC has not adequately alleged that the Longboarder Mark uses the "name of the institution or equivalent thereof" and that CPC has not adequately alleged that the

¹ A copy of the Opposition is annexed hereto as Exhibit A.

Longboarder Mark points "uniquely and unmistakably" to Central Park and, through its status and position as the official manager of Central Park, to the CPC. *See* Susoix Motion at 1-2. Notably, Susoix does not address the two remaining elements of a false association claim as CPC's Opposition clearly pleads that Susoix is not connected with the institution and that the fame of Central Park and the CPC is such that, where the Longboarder Mark would be used on its goods or services, a connection with the institution would be presumed. *See id.* at 1 n.1.

In order to withstand a motion to dismiss, a pleading need only allege such facts as would, if proved, establish that the opposer is entitled to the relief sought. *See Petróleos Mexicanos v. Intermix S.A.*, 97 U.S.P.Q. 2d (BNA) 1403, 1404 (TTAB 2010); *Fair Indigo LLC v. Style Conscience*, 85 U.S.P.Q. 2d (BNA) 1536, 1538 (TTAB 2007); TBMP § 503.02 (3d ed. rev. 2012). Susoix's motion should be denied because CPC has clearly met the threshold required to survive a motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim. Specifically, CPC has alleged such facts in its Opposition establishing that: (1) CPC has standing to bring its claims and (2) CPC has valid grounds to oppose the registration under Section 2(a) of the Lanham Act. Accordingly, Susoix's partial motion to dismiss must fail.

FACTUAL AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

CPC has made its mission the restoration, management and enhancement of Central Park, in partnership with the public, for the enjoyment of present and future generations. Since its founding in 1980, CPC has served to operate and maintain Central Park under a contract with the City of New York ("City") and the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation.

Opposition ¶ 7. As the official manager of Central Park, CPC is responsible for the day-to-day maintenance and operation of the Park. *Id.* at ¶ 8. Currently, ninety percent of Central Park's maintenance operations staff is employed by CPC. *Id.* In fact, CPC's employees and volunteers can be found throughout the park on a daily basis and its merchandise, bearing its marks and the

Central Park map, are available both online and through the Dairy Visitor Center and Gift Shop in Central Park. CPC also provides eighty-five percent of Central Park's annual Parkwide expense budget through its fundraising and investment revenue. *Id.* Through its promotional, advertising and fundraising efforts over the past three decades, CPC and its numerous registered marks have become widely recognized by the consuming public as being connected with Central Park and CPC is well-known as the organization in charge of maintaining Central Park. *Id.* at ¶¶ 7, 9. Susoix and its Longboarder Mark have no affiliation with Central Park, the CPC or the City. *See id.* at ¶¶ 29, 32.

As outlined in the Opposition, CPC currently owns, among others, the federal registrations of the mark "CENTRAL PARK CONSERVANCY" (Reg. Nos. 2261972, 2724447, 3760656, 4053473), on the Principal Register of the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO"). *Id.* at ¶ 1. The date of first use in commerce of this mark is 1980 and the date of initial registration is July 20, 1999, predating Susoix's "CENTRAL PARK LONGBOARDER GLOBAL ROLLING" application by over a decade. *Id.* The "CENTRAL PARK CONSERVANCY" mark is registered for assorted goods and services, including, but not limited to: paper goods, pet accessories, luggage, umbrellas, knapsacks, water bottles, barware, dinnerware, bathroom accessories, clothing, construction, repair and maintenance services, educational services, garbage removal services and recreational services, including providing facilities and instruction for assorted sports activities. *Id.* CPC has also registered or applied for registration for nearly a dozen additional marks containing the words "CENTRAL PARK" for a variety of goods and services (collectively, the "CPC Marks"). *Id.* at ¶ 2.² In connection with its

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² Since the drafting of the Opposition, CPC has filed applications to register the mark "CENTRAL PARK CONSERVANCY CENTRAL TO THE PARK" (Serial No. 85/666,526) for "charitable fundraising services for restoring, managing, and preserving Central Park" in

daily operation and fundraising efforts on behalf of Central Park, CPC offers for sale assorted merchandise under its marks and containing the map of Central Park, including, but not limited to, jewelry, ties, scarves, t-shirts, umbrellas, posters, beach towels, tote bags, water bottles, coffee sets and mugs. Id. at ¶ 10. Through CPC's substantial time, effort and expense, the CPC Marks have become famous trademarks and are widely recognized by the relevant consuming public so as to create enormous goodwill in the CPC Marks inuring to the benefit of CPC. *Id.* at ¶ 9.

Susoix identifies itself as a "small business dedicated to endurance sports that provide a sustainable means of transportation, namely, cycling, skateboarding, and longboarding." Susoix Motion at 2. Susoix filed an application for registration of a trademark on the Principal Register of the USPTO on August 9, 2011 for "on-line wholesale and retail store services featuring products related to skateboarding, longboarding, cycling and other endurance sports" in International Class 035 and for "personal coaching services in the field of skateboarding, longboarding, cycling and other endurance sports" in International Class 041 pursuant to Section 1(a) of the Lanham Act. ³ Opposition ¶ 11. Susoix claimed that its first use of the mark in

International Class 36 and for "educational services, namely, conducting classes for teachers on ecology, geology, ornithology and the environment; and conducting classes for children in grades K through 12 on ecology, and the environment; conducting classes in professional development, namely, courses in team-building and problem-solving; conducting classes in environmental awareness for families; tour guide services; administrating and conducting training classes for volunteers in the fields of horticulture landscaping and park maintenance; recreational services, namely, providing facilities and instruction for basketball, sports/fitness, providing community events featuring a variety of activities, namely, science, history, education and art exhibitions and cultural festivals" in International Class 41 and the mark "CENTRAL PARK EFFECT" (Serial No. 85/683,208) for "charitable fundraising services for restoring, managing, and preserving Central Park" in International Class 36.

³ Susoix has since petitioned to change the basis of its Longboarder Mark application to a Section 1(b) intent-to-use registration.

commerce commenced on August 9, 2011. *Id.* The Longboarder Mark consists of the words "CENTRAL PARK LONGBOARDER GLOBAL ROLLING" and a "skateboard shaped map of [C]entral [P]ark" that includes "a blue lake [and] a variety of white lines roughly corresponding to the roads and paths in Central Park." *Id.* at ¶ 12. As indicated in CPC's Opposition, CPC alleges that Susoix's proposed Longboarder Mark is unregistrable because (1) the Longboarder Mark is geographically deceptive and primarily geographically misdescriptive within the meaning of Section 2(e)(3) of the Lanham Act; (2) the Longboarder Mark is highly similar to the CPC's marks such that it is likely to cause confusion within the meaning of Section 2(d) of the Lanham Act; and (3) the Longboarder Mark falsely suggests a connection with the institution Central Park and thus accordingly also falsely suggests a connection with the CPC under Section 2(a) of the Lanham Act. *Id.* at ¶ 16-33.

ARGUMENT

I. LEGAL STANDARD ON A MOTION TO DISMISS BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

Susoix's motion fails because it cannot meet the extremely difficult threshold to succeed under TBMP § 503 and Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6). In order to survive a motion to dismiss, a "pleading need only allege such facts as would, if proved, establish that the petitioner [or opposer] is entitled to the relief sought." *Petróleos Mexicanos*, 97 U.S.P.Q.2d at 1404. This requires only that (1) the petitioner or opposer has standing to maintain the proceeding, and (2) a valid ground exists for denying the registration sought (in the case of an opposition), or for canceling the subject registration (in the case of a cancellation proceeding). *See id.*; *Fair Indigo*, 85 U.S.P.Q.2d at 1538; TBMP § 503.02. The Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (the "Board") must accept the opposer's allegations as true and the complaint must be construed in the light most favorable to the opposer. *Petróleos Mexicanos*, 97 U.S.P.Q.2d at 1404-05. The complaint

must contain sufficient factual matter which, accepted as true, states a claim to relief that is "plausible on its face." TBMP § 503.02 ("To survive a motion to dismiss, a complaint must 'state a claim to relief that is plausible on its face."); *Corporacion Habanos S.A. v. Rodriguez*, 99 U.S.P.Q. 2d (BNA) 1873, 1874 (TTAB 2011) (citing *Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 556 U.S. 662, 678 (2009)). In the context of a cancellation or opposition proceeding, "a claim is plausible on its face when the petitioner pleads factual content that if proved, would allow the Board to conclude, or draw a reasonable inference that, the petitioner has standing and that a valid ground for cancellation [or opposition] exists." *Corporacion Habanos*, 99 U.S.P.Q.2d at 1874. The opposer or petitioner "need only allege enough factual matter to suggest its claim is plausible and 'raise a right to relief above the speculative level." *Id.* (quoting *Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly*, 550 U.S. 544, 555-56 (2007)).

II. CPC CLEARLY HAS ALLEGED FACTS SUFFICIENT TO DEMONSTRATE THAT IT IS ENTITLED TO THE RELIEF SOUGHT AND, ACCORDINGLY, SUSOIX'S PARTIAL MOTION TO DISMISS MUST BE DENIED

As detailed below, CPC clearly meets the Board's requirements that (1) it has standing to bring its claims, and (2) it has sufficiently pled the elements for its claim of false association under Section 2(a) of the Lanham Act – a legally valid ground for refusal to register – based on CPC's factual allegations as set forth in the Opposition and which must be accepted as true. Susoix's motion therefore should be denied.

A. CPC Has Standing to Bring Its Opposition to Susoix's Registration

In order to demonstrate standing in an opposition or cancellation proceeding, all that is required is that a party "allege facts sufficient to show a 'real interest' in the proceeding, and a 'reasonable basis' for its belief that it would suffer some kind of damage if the mark is registered." TBMP § 309.03(b); *see also Ritchie v. Simpson*, 170 F.3d 1092, 1095 (Fed. Cir. 1999) (noting that rather than being a "mere intermeddler[]" . . . "the opposer must have a direct

and personal stake in the outcome of the opposition"). Here, CPC has sufficiently pled that it has a direct interest in the outcome of the instant matter and will be damaged by the registration of Susoix's Longboarder Mark as it currently operates and manages Central Park, has numerous applications for marks and registrations of marks that include the words "Central Park" and offers goods and services under these marks. See Opposition ¶¶ 1-10. Moreover, Susoix does not dispute that CPC has a direct and personal stake in the outcome of the opposition. See generally Susoix Motion. The Board has also indicated that a party has standing, in the context of a Section 2(a) claim, by virtue of who it is, that is, its "identity." See Petróleos Mexicanos, 97 U.S.P.Q.2d at 1405 (citing Estate of Biro v. Bic Corp., 18 U.S.P.Q.2d (BNA) 1382, 1385 (TTAB 1991)). The Board has acknowledged that there is a connection between an entity and an institution where there is an "actual commercial connection" between the entity and the institution. See In re Los Angeles Police Revolver & Athletic Club Inc., 69 U.S.P.Q. 2d (BNA) 1630, 1634 (TTAB 2003). Accordingly, CPC is more than a "mere intermeddler" and instead has standing due to its direct interest in the outcome of this proceeding and its commercial connection to Central Park through its agreement with the City. *See* Opposition ¶¶ 7-10.

B. <u>CPC Has Sufficiently Alleged its Claim that the Longboarder Mark Falsely Suggests an Association with an Institution</u>

Having established standing, in order to survive a motion to dismiss, CPC's Opposition must only contain sufficient factual matter which, accepted as true, states a claim for false suggestion of a connection with a well-known institution that is "plausible on its face." *See* TBMP § 503.02. The Board has established that the following is required for a pleading of false suggestion of a connection under Section 2(a) of the Lanham Act: (1) the mark sought to be registered is the same as, or a close approximation of, the name or identity previously used by another person or institution; (2) the mark would be recognized as such, in that it points uniquely

and unmistakably to that person or institution; (3) the person or institution identified in the mark is not connected with the goods sold or services performed by applicant under the mark; and (4) the fame or reputation of the named person or institution is of such a nature that a connection with such person or institution would be presumed when applicant's mark is used on its goods and/or services. *Petróleos Mexicanos*, 97 U.S.P.Q.2d at 1404-05 (citing *Univ. of Notre Dame du Lac v. J.C. Gourmet Food Imps. Co.*, 703 F.2d 1372, 217 U.S.P.Q. (BNA) 505, 508-510 (Fed. Cir. 1983) and *Buffet v. Chi-Chi's, Inc.*, 226 U.S.P.Q. (BNA) 428, 429 (TTAB 1985)). In its Opposition, CPC sufficiently pled all four of the required elements for a Section 2(a) claim and facts supporting the same, and thus, CPC's claim is legally sufficient and withstands this motion to dismiss. *See* Opposition ¶¶ 1-12, 29-33.

Notably, Susoix has not challenged the sufficiency of the Opposition regarding the third and fourth elements of a Section 2(a) claim in its partial motion to dismiss. *See* Susoix Motion at 1 n.1. Such attempt would clearly fail as CPC has adequately pled that CPC and Central Park are not associated with Susoix, Opposition ¶¶ 29, 32, and that the fame or reputation of Central Park is of such a nature that a connection with Central Park would be presumed when the Longboarder Mark is used on its skateboards, longboards, cycling equipment and/or personal coaching services, *id.* at ¶¶ 1-2, 7-12. The remaining two elements, that the Longboarder Mark is the same as, or a close approximation of, Central Park and that the Longboarder Mark points uniquely and unmistakably to Central Park and, through its actual commercial relationship with Central Park and the City, the CPC, will be discussed below.

Susoix contends that Central Park is not an institution under Section 2(a) of the Lanham Act. Susoix Motion at 3-4, 9-10. However, this position is unsupportable. It is well-established that the Board has broadly construed the term "institution." *See, e.g., In re N. Am. Free Trade*

Ass'n, 43 U.S.P.Q. 2d (BNA) 1282, 1285-86 (TTAB 1997) (finding that the North American Free Trade Agreement constituted an institution and noting that the "legislative history . . . indicates that the reference to an 'institution' in Section 2(a) was designed to have an expansive scope."); TMEP § 1203.3(e) (8th ed. rev. 2011). As the Board may take judicial notice of dictionary definitions, see In re N. Am. Free Trade, 43 U.S.P.Q. 2d at 1286, a review of these definitions clearly supports the contention that Central Park qualifies as an institution. For example, Black's Law Dictionary (9th ed. 2009) defined an institution as "[a]n established organization, esp. one of a public character." Similarly, the Oxford Advanced American Dictionary defines an institution as "a large important organization that has a particular purpose." See http://oaadonline.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com/dictionary/institution. Central Park, which has its own employees, police force, rules and regulations through the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, and provides recreational services to the general public, clearly falls within that definition and is therefore protected as an institution under Section 2(a).⁴

As Central Park is an institution, the CPC need only "allege enough factual matter to suggest its claim is plausible" as to the elements at issue, that the Longboarder Mark is the same as, or a close approximation of, Central Park and that the Longboarder Mark points uniquely and unmistakably to Central Park. See Corporacion Habanos, 99 U.S.P.Q.2d at 1874. Susoix does not dispute that its Longboarder Mark consists of the name "Central Park", in fact, Susoix freely acknowledges that "the Longboarder Mark does include the words 'Central Park,' which signify the park." See Susoix Motion at 9. The CPC has sufficiently pled that the Longboarder Mark consists of the words "Central Park." Opposition ¶ 12. CPC has also clearly and adequately

⁴ A more in-depth discussion of Central Park's standing as an institution may be found in Opposer City of New York's Memorandum of Law in Opposition to Susoix's Partial Motion to Dismiss, Opposition No. 91205879, filed on August 14, 2012.

pled that the Longboarder Mark points "uniquely and unmistakably" to Central Park. *See id.* at ¶¶ 7-9, 12, 29-33. Susoix does not attempt to mask its intent to refer to Central Park in the Longboarder Mark, noting that the design mark includes a "skateboard shaped map of '[C]entral Park'" that includes a "blue lake [and] a variety of white lines roughly corresponding to the roads and paths in Central Park." *Id.* at ¶ 12. Accordingly, CPC's Opposition is sufficiently plausible on its face, as viewed in the required light most favorable to the non-moving party, to state a claim under Section 2(a). *See id.* at ¶¶ 7-9, 12, 29-32; *Corporacion Habanos*, 99 U.S.P.Q.2d at 1874.

Should the Board conclude that Central Park itself is not an institution, CPC's Section 2(a) claim would still stand due to CPC's actual commercial relationship with the City and Central Park. Susoix does not dispute that CPC itself is an institution within the meaning of Section 2(a). *See* Susoix Motion at 3-4. Susoix instead takes issue with whether the name of the institution is utilized in the mark and whether the mark "uniquely and unmistakably" points to the institution. Susoix's main contention, that the lack of the word "Conservancy" in its Longboarder Mark means that the Longboarder Mark is not the same as or a close approximation of the CPC, *see id.* at 5-8, has been expressly rejected by the Board.

Just as an applicant cannot take another's name and add matter to it to avoid a refusal of false suggestion under Section 2(a), an applicant cannot take a significant element of the name of another and avoid a refusal by leaving one or more elements behind, provided that that which has been taken still would be unmistakably associated with the other person.

In re White, 73 U.S.P.Q. 2d (BNA) 1713, 1719 (TTAB 2004) (affirming refusal to register "APACHE" for cigarettes under Section 2(a)) (emphasis added). In White, the Board rejected an applicant's claim that because none of the federally-recognized Apache tribes goes by the name Apache alone, "APACHE" per se cannot be found to be the name or equivalent thereof of these

tribes. *Id.* Under *White*, Susoix clearly cannot take "Central Park," a significant element of a name of another, and avoid refusal by simply leaving "Conservancy" behind. *Id.*

The Board has also found that even more attenuated marks meet the requirement that the mark consist of the name of or a close approximation of the name of an institution. For example, in *In re Cotter & Co.*, the Board affirmed the refusal of registration of "WESTPOINT" as a mark for firearms under Section 2(a) noting that although "West Point is not an official designation for the United States Military Academy but, rather, is a city in the state of New York," use of the mark "WESTPOINT" did falsely suggest a connection with the institution. 228 U.S.P.Q. (BNA) 202, 203-205 (TTAB 1985). The Board also held that the mark "BAMA" was the close approximation of the name of the institution the University of Alabama and cancelled the registration of "BAMA" for shoes, slippers, and socks under Section 2(a). *See Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama v. BAMA-Werke Curt Baumann*, 231 U.S.P.Q. (BNA) 408, 410 (TTAB 1986). Therefore, while Susoix suggests that the Opposition fails to state a claim because the Longboarder Mark "does not include the name of the Central Park Conservancy, Inc. or an equivalent thereof," Susoix Motion at 7⁵, such inclusion of the full CPC name is not

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The cases cited by Susoix in support of its allegation that the Longboarder Mark does not resemble the name of the Conservancy are easily distinguishable as cases where there was no connection between the proposed mark and the name of the institution. *See McDonnell Douglas Corp. v. Nat'l Data Corp.*, 228 U.S.P.Q. (BNA) 45, 48 (TTAB 1985) (noting that the mark sought to be canceled, "DATASTAT" "does not remotely resemble petitioner's corporate name, McDonnell Douglas"); *Am. Speech-Language-Hearing Ass'n v. Nat'l Hearing Aid Soc'y*, 224 U.S.P.Q. (BNA) 798, 803 (TTAB 1984) (noting that proposed mark containing the words "CERTIFIED HEARING AID AUDIOLOGIST' together with respondent's name, 'NATIONAL HEARING AID SOCIETY' . . . does not even remotely resemble petitioner's present name, the American Speech-Language Hearing Association"). Moreover, the Board's decision in one of the cited cases is a poor basis for comparison as the Board acknowledged that the opposer had given up on its Section 2(a) claim. *See United States Olympic Comm. v. Olymp-Herrenwaschefabriken Bezner GmbH & Co.*, 224 U.S.P.Q. (BNA) 497, 499 n.2 (TTAB 1984) (noting that opposer's brief was confined primarily to Section 2(d), on which grounds the

required in order to state a claim under Section 2(a). Accordingly, CPC's Opposition, which indicates that the Longboarder Mark includes the words "Central Park" and that such mark falsely suggests a connection with the CPC, is sufficiently plausible on its face, as viewed in the required light most favorable to the non-moving party, to state a claim under Section 2(a). *See* Opposition ¶¶ 7-9, 12, 29-32; *Corporacion Habanos*, 99 U.S.P.Q.2d at 1874 (noting that the Board must construe the complaint in the light most favorable to the petitioner and that the petitioner need only allege enough factual matter to "suggest its claim is plausible").

Susoix posits that CPC cannot adequately plead that the Longboarder Mark points "uniquely and unmistakably" to the CPC based upon its false assumption that the Longboarder Mark does not contain the name or equivalent thereof of the CPC. See Susoix Motion at 6, 8. Based on Susoix's conclusion that the Longboarder Mark does not contain the CPC name, Susoix attempts to conflate CPC's separate and distinct claims under Sections 2(a) and 2(d) of the Lanham Act. See id. at 8-9. However, as discussed above, CPC has sufficiently pled that the Longboarder Mark contains the CPC's name or equivalent thereof. Further, as previously discussed, see infra p. 10, CPC has adequately and sufficiently plead that the Longboarder Mark points "uniquely and unmistakably" to Central Park and, through its commercial relationship to Central Park and the City, to the CPC. See Opposition ¶¶ 7-9, 12, 29-33. Accordingly, even if the Board fails to conclude that Central Park is an institution, CPC's Opposition is sufficiently plausible on its face, as viewed in the required light most favorable to the non-moving party, to state a claim under Section 2(a). See Corporacion Habanos, 99 U.S.P.Q.2d at 1874.

CONCLUSION

registration was refused, and that it "appears that opposer is not pressing its Section 2(a) ground with any conviction").

For the reasons specified above, Opposer CPC has shown that it has standing and has pled legally sufficient allegations for its claim that the Longboarder Mark falsely suggests a connection with an institution, here, Central Park and, through its actual commercial relationship with Central Park and the City, the CPC. CPC thus respectfully requests that the Board deny Susoix's Partial Motion to Dismiss in its entirety.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true copy of the Opposition to Partial Motion to Dismiss was sent by email to the following on August 21, 2012:

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Notice of Opposition

Notice is hereby given that the following party opposes registration of the indicated application.

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Goods/Services Affected by Opposition

Class 035. First Use: 2011/08/09 First Use In Commerce: 2011/08/09

All goods and services in the class are opposed, namely: On-line wholesale and retail store services featuring products related to skateboarding, longboarding, cycling, and other endurance sports

Class 041. First Use: 2011/08/09 First Use In Commerce: 2011/08/09

All goods and services in the class are opposed, namely: Personal coaching services in the field of

skateboarding, longboarding, cycling, and other endurance sports

Grounds for Opposition

False suggestion of a connection	Trademark Act section 2(a)	
Priority and likelihood of confusion	Trademark Act section 2(d)	
The mark is primarily geographically deceptively misdescriptive	Trademark Act section 2(e)(3)	

Marks Cited by Opposer as Basis for Opposition

U.S. Registration	2261972	Application Date	05/30/1997
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No.			
Registration Date	07/20/1999	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	CENTRAL PARK CONSERV	ANCY	
Design Mark			
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	construction, repair, maintena	ance of buildings, brid	se In Commerce: 1980/00/00 Iges, arches, walls and bodies
	of water; cleaning services, namely, removal of snow, graffiti and garbage from buildings, walks, walkways, and the like; preservation of the historic design, material and fabrication of buildings, bridges, arches and walls		
	Class 039. First use: First Us	e: 1980/00/00 First U	se In Commerce: 1983/04/00
	garbage pickup		
	Class 041. First use: First Us	e: 1983/05/00 First U	se In Commerce: 1983/05/00
	[educational services, namely, conducting classes for teachers on ecology, geology, ornithology and the environment; and] conducting classes for children in grades K through 12 on ecology, [geology, design, history, ornithology] and the environment; conducting classes in professional development, namely, courses in team-building and problem-solving; conducting classes in environmental awareness for families; tour guide services; administrating and conducting training classes for volunteers in the fields of horticulture landscaping and park maintenance; recreational services, namely, providing facilities and instruction for basketball, [softball,] sports/fitness, [rock and wall climbing, and day camps for children and adventure programs, namely, team-building and problem-solving courses for young adults;] providing community events featuring a variety of activities, namely, science, history, education and art exhibitions and cultural festivals		
	Class 042. First use: First Use: 1980/00/00 First Use In Commerce: 1980/04/00		
	landscape and horticultural services		

U.S. Registration No.	2724447	Application Date	05/30/1997
Registration Date	06/10/2003	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	CENTRAL PARK CONSERVA	ANCY	
Design Mark			
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Class 016. First use: First Use	e: 1980/01/00 First U	se In Commerce: 1995/01/00
	[desk stands; paper goods, namely, napkins, table cloths, placemats, plates, stationery,] greeting cards [, wrapping paper] and posters		
	Class 018. First use: First Use: 1980/01/00 First Use In Commerce: 1995/01/00		
	[luggage, duffle bags, overnight bags;] umbrellas [; gym bags; leather goods, namely, knapsacks, wallets and tote bags;] and pet accessories, namely, [animal carriers, animal leashes, collars, pet cushions,] pet bowls [, pet clothing and dog clothing]		
	Class 021. First use: First Use: 1980/01/00 First Use In Commerce: 1995/01/00		
	barware, namely, [drinking glasses,] mugs [, pitchers, seltzer bottles, ice buckets, martini shakers; dinnerware; serving platters; bathroom accessories, namely, soap dishes, soap dispensers, toilet tissue holders, towel bars, towel racks, and cups; ceramic, non-precious metal, glass, and rattan accessories, namely, decorative vases, bottles (sold empty), bowls, urns, candlesticks,		

serving trays, and baskets]
Class 025. First use: First Use: 1980/01/00 First Use In Commerce: 1995/01/00
men's and children's apparel, namely, T-shirts, [sweatsuits, sweaters,] hats, caps, jackets [, scarves and ties;] and women's apparel, namely, T-shirts, [sweatsuits, sweaters,] hats, caps, and scarves

U.S. Registration No.	3760656	Application Date	07/24/2009
Registration Date	03/16/2010	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	CENTRAL PARK CONSERV	ANCY	
Design Mark	CENTRAL PARK CONSERVANCY		
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Class 021. First use: First Use: 2007/06/29 First Use In Commerce: 2007/06/29 Plastic water bottles sold empty Class 025. First use: First Use: 2007/09/03 First Use In Commerce: 2007/09/03 Sweat shirts, unisex fleece jackets and women's fleece jackets		

U.S. Registration No.	4053473	Application Date	07/24/2009
Registration Date	11/08/2011	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	CENTRAL PARK CONSERV	ANCY	•
Design Mark	CENTRAL PARK CONSERVANCY		
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Class 018. First use: First Use: 2009/09/09 First Use In Commerce: 2009/09/09 Pet accessories, namely, animal leashes and collars Class 021. First use: First Use: 2008/10/17 First Use In Commerce: 2008/10/17 Pet accessories, namely, pet feeding and drinking bowls		

U.S. Registration No.	2006969	Application Date	12/02/1994
Registration Date	10/08/1996	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	CENTRAL PARK SETTE	E .	!
Design Mark			
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Class 020. First use: First benches	t Use: 1995/01/19 First U	se In Commerce: 1995/01/19
U.S. Registration No.	3245852	Application Date	01/09/2006
Registration Date	05/29/2007	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	CENTRAL PARK PERKS	3	
Design Mark			
Description of	CENTR	AL PAK	K PERKS
Description of Mark	INOINE		
Goods/Services	Class 035. First use: First Use: 2005/10/00 First Use In Commerce: 2005/10/00 administration of a discount program enabling participants to obtain discounts on goods and services through use of a discount membership card		
U.S. Registration No.	3713474 Application Date 06/23/2006		
Registration Date	11/17/2009	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	CENTRAL PARK COLLECTION		
Design Mark	CENTRAL	PARK COI	LECTION
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	retail store services and ogoods, such as, photogra	on-line retail store service	

U.S. Registration No.	3930027	Application Date	09/16/2008
Registration Date	03/08/2011	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	CENTRAL PARK PALS		
Design Mark	CENTRA	L PAR	K PALS
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Class 028. First use: First Use: 2008/10/22 First Use In Commerce: 2008/10/22 Children's toys and gifts, namely, plush animals Class 036. First use: First Use: 2008/10/22 First Use In Commerce: 2008/10/22 Charitable fundraising services for restoring, managing, and preserving Central Park		
U.S. Application No.	77571057	Application Date	09/16/2008
Registration Date	NONE	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	CENTRAL PARK PALS	•	•
Design Mark	CENTRA	L PAR	K PALS
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Class 041. First use: Providing on-line educational materials for children in the field of education about animals and nature and providing curriculum activities, namely, guided tours of historical park area and displays		
U.S. Application No.	77571113	Application Date	09/16/2008
Registration Date	NONE	Foreign Priority Date	NONE

Word Mark	CENTRAL PARK GREEN		
Design Mark	CENTRAL	PARK	GREEN
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Class 008. First use: Landscaping and gardening tools, namely, trowels, shears, edgers, rakes and shovels		
U.S. Application No.	77571124	Application Date	09/16/2008
Registration Date	NONE	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	CENTRAL PARK ADIRONDA	CK FURNITURE	
	CENTRAL PARK ADIRONDACK FURNITURE		
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Class 020. First use: Wood and metal furniture, namely, chairs, tables and benches Class 021. First use: Picnic baskets made of wicker, wood, cloth; fitted picnic baskets Class 024. First use: Picnic blankets for outdoor use		
U.S. Application No.	77655764	Application Date	01/23/2009
Registration Date	NONE	Foreign Priority Date	NONE

CENTRAL PARK OUTDOOR FURNITURE

Word Mark

Design Mark	CENTRAL PARK OUTDOOR FURNITURE
Description of Mark	NONE
Goods/Services	Class 018. First use:
	Umbrellas
	Class 020. First use:
	Outdoor wood and metal furniture, namely, chairs, tables and benches
	Class 021. First use:
	Picnic accessories, namely, fitted picnic baskets, rattan picnic baskets pre-filled with plates and utensils in the nature of forks, knives, and spoons; picnic coffee sets comprised of coffee mugs, cream and sugar, spoons and vacuum flasks

U.S. Application No.	85545834	Application Date	02/17/2012
Registration Date	NONE	Foreign Priority Date	NONE
Word Mark	CENTRAL TO THE PARK		
Design Mark	CENTRAL TO THE PARK		
Description of Mark	NONE		
Goods/Services	Class 014. First use: First Use: 2009/10/01 First Use In Commerce: 2009/10/01 Jewelry, namely bracelets Class 036. First use: First Use: 2009/10/01 First Use In Commerce: 2009/10/01 Charitable and outreach services, namely, restoring, managing, and preserving the park		

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Exhibit B.pdf (1 page)(5985 bytes)
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Date	07/06/2012

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

CENTRAL PARK CONSERVANCY, INC.

Opposition No. _____

Opposer,

Serial No. : 85/393,670

v.

Filing Date : August 9, 2011 Mark : **CENTRAL PARK**

SUSOIX LLC,

LONGBOARDER
GLOBAL ROLLING

Classes : 035, 041

Applicant.

Published: January 10, 2012

NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

Central Park Conservancy, Inc., a New York not-for-profit corporation located at 14 East 60th Street, New York, New York 10022 ("Opposer") believes it will be damaged by the above-identified registration and hereby opposes the registration.

As grounds for this opposition, it is alleged that:

- 1. Opposer currently owns, among others, the federal registrations of the mark "CENTRAL PARK CONSERVANCY" (Reg. Nos. 2261972, 2724447, 3760656, 4053473), on the Principal Register of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The date of first use in commerce is 1980 and the date of initial registration is July 20, 1999. This mark is registered for assorted goods and services, including:
 - a. "desk stands; paper goods, namely, napkins, table cloths, placemats, plates,
 stationery, greeting cards, wrapping paper and posters" in International Class 016;
 - b. "pet accessories, namely, animal leashes and collars" in International Class 018;

- c. "luggage, duffle bags, overnight bags; umbrellas; gym bags; leather goods, namely, knapsacks, wallets and tote bags; and pet accessories, namely, animal carriers, animal leashes, collars, pet cushions, pet bowls, pet clothing and dog clothing" in International Class 018;
- d. "pet accessories, namely, pet feeding and drinking bowls" in International Class
 021;
- e. "plastic water bottles sold empty" in International Class 021;
- f. "barware, namely, drinking glasses, mugs, pitchers, seltzer bottles, ice buckets, martini shakers; dinnerware; serving platters; bathroom accessories, namely, soap dishes, soap dispensers, toilet tissue holders, towel bars, towel racks, and cups; ceramic, non-precious metal, glass, and rattan accessories, namely, decorative vases, bottles (sold empty), bowls, urns, candlesticks, serving trays, and baskets" in International Class 021;
- g. "sweat shirts, unisex fleece jackets and women's fleece jackets" in International Class 025;
- h. "men's and children's apparel, namely, T-shirts, sweatsuits, sweaters, hats, caps, jackets, scarves and ties; and women's apparel, namely, T-shirts, sweatsuits, sweaters, hats, caps, and scarves" in International Class 025;
- i. "construction, repair, maintenance of buildings, bridges, arches, walls and bodies of water; cleaning services, namely, removal of snow, graffiti and garbage from buildings, walks, walkways, and the like; preservation of the historic design, material and fabrication of buildings, bridges, arches and walls" in International Class 037;

- j. "garbage pickup" in International Class 039;
- k. "educational services, namely, conducting classes for teachers on ecology, geology, ornithology and the environment; and conducting classes for children in grades K through 12 on ecology, geology, design, history, ornithology and the environment; conducting classes in professional development, namely, courses in team-building and problem-solving; conducting classes in environmental awareness for families; tour guide services; administrating and conducting training classes for volunteers in the fields of horticulture landscaping and park maintenance; recreational services, namely, providing facilities and instruction for basketball, softball, sports/fitness, rock and wall climbing, and day camps for children and adventure programs, namely, team-building and problem-solving courses for young adults; providing community events featuring a variety of activities, namely, science, history, education and art exhibitions and cultural festivals" in International Class 041; and
- 1. "landscape and horticultural services" in International Class 042.
- Opposer also has registered or applied for registration of the following marks (collectively, with the CENTRAL PARK CONSERVANCY marks, the "Marks") on the Principal Register of the United States Patent and Trademark Office:
 - a. "CENTRAL PARK SETTEE" (Reg. No. 2006969) for "benches" in International Class 020;
 - b. "CENTRAL PARK PERKS" (Reg. No. 3245852) for "administration of a
 discount program enabling participants to obtain discounts on goods and services
 through use of a discount membership card" in International Class 035;

- c. "CENTRAL PARK COLLECTION" (Reg. No. 3713474) for "retail store services and on-line retail store services featuring a wide variety of goods, such as, photographs, books, clothing, jewelry, key chains, pins, ornaments, namely, seasonal and holiday ornaments, magnets, umbrellas, stationery and posters" in International Class 035;
- d. "CENTRAL PARK PALS" (Reg. No. 3930027) for "children's toys and gifts, namely, plush animals" in International Class 028 and for "charitable fundraising services for restoring, managing, and preserving Central Park" in International Class 036;
- e. "CENTRAL PARK PALS" (Serial No. 77/571,057) for "providing on-line educational materials for children in the field of education about animals and nature and providing curriculum activities, namely, guided tours of historical park area and displays" in International Class 041;
- f. "CENTRAL PARK GREEN" (Serial No. 77/571,113) for "landscaping and gardening tools, namely, trowels, shears, edgers, rakes and shovels" in International Class 008;
- g. "CENTRAL PARK ADIRONDACK FURNITURE" (Serial No. 77/571,124) for "wood and metal furniture, namely, chairs, tables and benches" in International Class 020, for "picnic baskets made of wicker, wood, cloth; fitted picnic baskets" in International Class 021 and for "picnic blankets for outdoor use" in International Class 024;
- h. "CENTRAL PARK OUTDOOR FURNITURE" (Serial No. 77/655,764) for "umbrellas" in International Class 018, for "outdoor wood and metal furniture,

namely, chairs, tables and benches" in International Class 020 and for "picnic accessories, namely, fitted picnic baskets, rattan picnic baskets pre-filled with plates and utensils in the nature of forks, knives, and spoons; picnic coffee sets comprised of coffee mugs, cream and sugar, spoons and vacuum flasks" in International Class 021; and

- "CENTRAL TO THE PARK" (Serial No. 85/545,834) for "jewelry, namely bracelets" in International Class 014 and for "charitable and outreach services, namely restoring, managing, and preserving the park" in International Class 036.
- 3. Copies of Opposer's certificates of registration for the above-referenced registered Marks are attached as Exhibit A.
- 4. Based on its prior, continuous use of the Marks to identify the Opposer's goods and services, Opposer has acquired prior trademark rights in the Marks.
- 5. Opposer's registered Marks are valid and subsisting and constitute *prima facie* evidence of Opposer's exclusive rights to use the Marks in commerce. Opposer has used the Marks continuously for items identified in the registrations annexed as Exhibit A.
- 6. Opposer's use of the Marks has been continuous since the dates of first use and has not been abandoned.
- 7. Opposer is a not-for-profit organization that manages Central Park, located in New York, New York, under a contract with the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation. Opposer is well-known as the organization in charge of maintaining Central Park.
- 8. As the official manager of Central Park, Opposer is responsible for day-to-day maintenance and operation of Central Park and employs ninety percent of the maintenance and

operations staff in Central Park. Opposer currently provides eighty-five percent of Central Park's expense budget through its fundraising efforts and investment revenue.

- 9. Through a substantial amount of time and effort in advertising, promotion and fundraising efforts by Opposer, the excellence of the goods and services provided in connection with its Marks, and the unsolicited media attention accorded to the Marks, the Marks have become famous trademarks, and are widely recognized by the relevant consuming public so as to create enormous goodwill in the Marks inuring to the benefit of the Opposer.
- 10. Opposer's Marks and the map of Central Park are currently used on numerous goods, including, but not limited to, jewelry, ties, scarves, t-shirts, umbrellas, posters, beach towels, tote bags, hats, water bottles, coffee sets and mugs. Screenshots of offerings for these products are attached as Exhibit B.
- 11. Susoix LLC ("Applicant") filed an application for registration of a trademark, as shown in Exhibit C ("Applicant's Mark"), on the Principal Register of the United States Patent and Trademark Office on August 9, 2011 for "on-line wholesale and retail store services featuring products related to skateboarding, longboarding, cycling, and other endurance sports" in International Class 035, and for "personal coaching services in the field of skateboarding, longboarding, cycling, and other endurance sports" in International Class 041 pursuant to Section 1(a) of the Trademark Act. Applicant has claimed that its first use of the mark in commerce commenced on August 9, 2011.
- 12. Applicant's Mark consists of the words "CENTRAL PARK LONGBOARDER GLOBAL ROLLING" as well as a "skateboard shaped map of [C]entral [P]ark" that includes "a blue lake [and] a variety of white lines roughly corresponding to the roads and paths in Central Park." *See* Exhibit C.

- 13. Applicant's application was assigned Serial No. 85/393,670 and published for opposition in the Official Gazette on January 10, 2012.
- 14. Since that time, Opposer has obtained extensions of its time to oppose the registration of Applicant's Mark while it pursued a possible resolution of the matter. The most recent deadline for filing an opposition or obtaining a request for an extension expires on July 8, 2012. At this time, Opposer and Applicant have been unable to resolve this matter.
- 15. If Applicant is granted registration for the mark opposed herein, it would obtain thereby at least the *prima facie* right to use such mark. Such registration would be a source of damage and injury to Opposer on at least the following grounds:

FIRST GROUND FOR OPPOSITION

- 16. Applicant's Mark, as used on or in connection with Applicant's identified goods and services, is geographically deceptive and primarily geographically deceptively misdescriptive within the meaning of Section 2(a), (e)(3) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1052(a), (e)(3), for lack of the requisite nexus with Central Park located in New York, New York, and, therefore, registration of the mark must be refused.
- 17. The words "CENTRAL PARK" primarily refers to Central Park, located in New York, New York.
- 18. The primary significance of the Applicant's Mark "CENTRAL PARK LONGBOARDER GLOBAL ROLLING" is a generally known geographic location, Central Park, New York, New York.
- 19. The addition of the words "Longboarder Global Rolling" do not alter the primary geographic significance of Applicant's Mark.

- 20. Moreover, Applicant's Mark further promotes the association with Central Park located in New York, New York by using a map of Central Park as the basis of its design.
- 21. The applied-for mark denotes and will be understood by consumers as denoting that the goods and services bearing the mark are manufactured by or offered by the Opposer or the City of New York.
- 22. Applicant's goods and services do not originate from Central Park, New York, New York.
- 23. The consuming public is likely to believe that the place identified by the applied-for mark, Central Park, describes Applicant's goods and services, and their geographic origin, where the goods and services in fact have no connection with Central Park, New York, New York.
- 24. Consumers' mistaken belief that Applicant's goods or services originate from Central Park would be a material factor in such consumers' purchasing decision.

SECOND GROUND FOR OPPOSITION

- 25. Registration should be denied under Lanham Act Section 2(d), 15 U.S.C. § 1052(d), because Applicant's applied-for mark "CENTRAL PARK LONGBOARDER GLOBAL ROLLING" is highly similar to Opposer's Marks.
- Applicant's use and registration of its mark is likely to cause injury to Opposer's Marks, as such use and registration will inevitably cause confusion and mistake and deceive the public into believing that Applicant's goods and services are affiliated with, sponsored by, or approved by Opposer, and that such goods and services emanate from the same source, and/or that Applicant is in some other fashion connected with Opposer.

- 27. In addition, the goods and services cited by Applicant in its application overlap with the goods and services provided by Opposer and also overlap into the zone of natural expansion for Opposer's Marks. In view of the similarity of the respective marks and the goods and services of the respective parties, Applicant's Mark so resembles Opposer's Mark as to be likely to cause confusion, or to cause mistake, or to deceive within § 2(d) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1052(d). Opposer will therefore be damaged by the registration of Applicant's Mark.
 - 28. Opposer's Mark has senior rights due to its priority use date of 1980.

THIRD GROUND FOR OPPOSITION

- 29. Registration should be denied because Applicant's Mark "CENTRAL PARK LONGBOARDER GLOBAL ROLLING" falsely suggests a connection with an institution, here, the Opposer.
- 30. Such false connection with an institution is prohibited under Section 2(a) of the Lanham Act, 15 § 1052(a).
 - 31. Opposer is an institution within the meaning of Section 2(a).
 - 32. Applicant's Mark falsely suggests a connection to the Opposer.
- 33. In view of the above allegations, Applicant is not entitled to federal registration of its mark in that Applicant is not entitled to exclusive use—or, indeed, any use—of said mark in commerce in connection with the goods and services specified.
- 34. This Notice of Opposition is being submitted with the requisite \$300.00 fee per class of goods and/or services at issue.

WHEREFORE, Opposer respectfully requests that application Serial No. 85/393,670 be rejected, that no registration be issued thereon to Applicant, and that this opposition be sustained in favor of Opposer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dated: July 6, 2012 By: /s/ Randi W. Singer

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true copy of the Notice of Opposition was sent by federal express to the following on July 6, 2012:

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EXHIBIT A

Int. Cls.: 37, 39, 41 and 42

Prior U.S. Cls.: 100, 101, 103, 105, 106 and 107

Reg. No. 2,261,972

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Registered July 20, 1999

SERVICE MARK PRINCIPAL REGISTER

CENTRAL PARK CONSERVANCY

CENTRAL PARK CONSERVANCY, INC. (NEW YORK CORPORATION)
14 EAST 60TH STREET
NEW YORK, NY 10022

FOR: CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, MAINTE-NANCE OF BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, ARCHES, WALLS AND BODIES OF WATER; CLEANING SERVICES, NAMELY, REMOVAL OF SNOW, GRAFFITI AND GARBAGE FROM BUILDINGS, WALKS, WALKWAYS, AND THE LIKE; PRESERVATION OF THE HISTORIC DESIGN, MATERIAL AND FABRICATION OF BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, ARCHES AND WALLS, IN CLASS 37 (U.S. CLS. 100, 103 AND 106).

FIRST USE 0-0-1980; IN COMMERCE 0-0-1980.

FOR: GARBAGE PICKUP, IN CLASS 39 (U.S. CLS. 100 AND 105).

FIRST USE 0-0-1980; IN COMMERCE 4-0-1983.

FOR: EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, NAMELY, CONDUCTING CLASSES FOR TEACHERS ON ECOLOGY, GEOLOGY, ORNITHOLOGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT; AND CONDUCTING CLASSES FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES K THROUGH 12 ON ECOLOGY, GEOLOGY, DESIGN, HISTORY, ORNITHOLOGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT; CONDUCTING CLASSES IN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, NAMELY, COURSES IN TEAM-BUILDING AND PROBLEM-SOLVING; CONDUCTING CLASSES IN ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS FOR FAMIL

LIES; TOUR GUIDE SERVICES; ADMINISTRATING AND CONDUCTING TRAINING CLASSES FOR VOLUNTEERS IN THE FIELDS OF HORTICULTURE LANDSCAPING AND PARK MAINTENANCE; RECREATIONAL SERVICES, NAMELY, PROVIDING FACILITIES AND INSTRUCTION FOR BASKETBALL, SOFTBALL, SPORTS/FITNESS, ROCK AND WALL CLIMBING, AND DAY CAMPS FOR CHILDREN AND ADVENTURE PROGRAMS, NAMELY, TEAM-BUILDING AND PROBLEM-SOLVING COURSES FOR YOUNG ADULTS; PROVIDING COMMUNITY EVENTS FEATURING A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES, NAMELY, SCIENCE, HISTORY, EDUCATION AND ART EXHIBITIONS AND CULTURAL FESTIVALS, IN CLASS 41 (U.S. CLS. 100, 101 AND 107).

FIRST USE 5-0-1983; IN COMMERCE 5-0-1983.

FOR: LANDSCAPE AND HORTICULTURAL SERVICES, IN CLASS 42 (U.S. CLS. 100 AND 101)

FIRST USE 0-0-1980; IN COMMERCE 4-0-1980.

OWNER OF U.S. REG. NO. 2,006,969.

NO CLAIM IS MADE TO THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO USE "CONSERVANCY", APART FROM THE MARK AS SHOWN.
SEC. 2(F).

SER. NO. 75-300,974, FILED 5-30-1997.

JOHN E. MICHOS, EXAMINING ATTORNEY

Int. Cls.: 16, 18, 21, and 25

Prior U.S. Cls.: 1, 2, 3, 5, 13, 22, 23, 29, 30, 33, 37, 38,

39, 40, 41, and 50

Reg. No. 2,724,447

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Registered June 10, 2003

TRADEMARK PRINCIPAL REGISTER

CENTRAL PARK CONSERVANCY

CENTRAL PARK CONSERVANCY, INC. (NEW YORK CORPORATION)
14 EAST 60TH STREET
CENTRAL PARK
NEW YORK, NY 10022

FOR: DESK STANDS; PAPER GOODS, NAMELY, NAPKINS, TABLE CLOTHS, PLACEMATS, PLATES, STATIONERY, GREETING CARDS, WRAPPING PAPER AND POSTERS, IN CLASS 16 (U.S. CLS. 2, 5, 22, 23, 29, 37, 38 AND 50).

FIRST USE 1-0-1980; IN COMMERCE 1-0-1995.

FOR: LUGGAGE, DUFFLE BAGS, OVERNIGHT BAGS; UMBRELLAS; GYM BAGS; LEATHER GOODS, NAMELY, KNAPSACKS, WALLETS AND TOTE BAGS; AND PET ACCESSORIES, NAMELY, ANIMAL CARRIERS, ANIMAL LEASHES, COLLARS, PET CUSHIONS, PET BOWLS, PET CLOTHING AND DOG CLOTHING, IN CLASS 18 (U.S. CLS. 1, 2, 3, 22 AND 41).

FIRST USE 1-0-1980; IN COMMERCE 1-0-1995.

FOR: BARWARE, NAMELY, DRINKING GLASSES, MUGS, PITCHERS, SELTZER BOTTLES, ICE BUCKETS, MARTINI SHAKERS; DINNERWARE;

SERVING PLATTERS; BATHROOM ACCESSORIES, NAMELY, SOAP DISHES, SOAP DISPENSERS, TOILET TISSUE HOLDERS, TOWEL BARS, TOWEL RACKS, AND CUPS; CERAMIC, NON-PRECIOUS METAL, GLASS, AND RATTAN ACCESSORIES, NAMELY, DECORATIVE VASES, BOTTLES (SOLD EMPTY), BOWLS, URNS, CANDLESTICKS, SERVING TRAYS, AND BASKETS, IN CLASS 21 (U.S. CLS. 2, 13, 23, 29, 30, 33, 40 AND 50).

FIRST USE 1-0-1980; IN COMMERCE 1-0-1995.

FOR: MEN'S AND CHILDREN'S APPAREL, NAMELY, T-SHIRTS, SWEATSUITS, SWEATERS, HATS, CAPS, JACKETS, SCARVES AND TIES; AND WOMEN'S APPAREL, NAMELY, T-SHIRTS, SWEATSUITS, SWEATERS, HATS, CAPS, AND SCARVES, IN CLASS 25 (U.S. CLS. 22 AND 39).

FIRST USE 1-0-1980; IN COMMERCE 1-0-1995.

OWNER OF U.S. REG. NO. 2,006,969.

SN 75-300,973, FILED 5-30-1997.

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CENTRAL PARK CONSERVANCY

Reg. No. 3,760,656 CENTRAL PARK CONSERVANCY, INC. (NEW YORK CORPORATION)
Registered Mar. 16, 2010 14 EAST 60TH STREET
NEW YORK, NY 10022

Int. Cls.: 21 and 25 FOR: PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES SOLD EMPTY, IN CLASS 21 (U.S. CLS. 2, 13, 23, 29, 30, 33, 40 AND 50).

TRADEMARK FIRST USE 6-29-2007; IN COMMERCE 6-29-2007. PRINCIPAL REGISTER

FOR: SWEAT SHIRTS, UNISEX FLEECE JACKETS AND WOMEN'S FLEECE JACKETS, IN CLASS 25 (U.S. CLS. 22 AND 39).

FIRST USE 9-3-2007; IN COMMERCE 9-3-2007.

THE MARK CONSISTS OF STANDARD CHARACTERS WITHOUT CLAIM TO ANY PARTICULAR FONT, STYLE, SIZE, OR COLOR.

SER. NO. 77-789,322, FILED 7-24-2009.

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CENTRAL PARK CONSERVANCY

Reg. No. 4,053,473 CENTRAL PARK CONSERVANCY, INC. (NEW YORK CORPORATION)

Registered Nov. 8, 2011 14 EAST 60TH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10022

Int. Cls.: 18 and 21 FOR: PET ACCESSORIES, NAMELY, ANIMAL LEASHES AND COLLARS, IN CLASS 18

(U.S. CLS. 1, 2, 3, 22 AND 41).

TRADEMARK FIRST USE 9-9-2009; IN COMMERCE 9-9-2009.

PRINCIPAL REGISTER FOR: PET ACCESSORIES, NAMELY, PET FEEDING AND DRINKING BOWLS, IN CLASS

21 (U.S. CLS. 2, 13, 23, 29, 30, 33, 40 AND 50).

FIRST USE 10-17-2008; IN COMMERCE 10-17-2008.

THE MARK CONSISTS OF STANDARD CHARACTERS WITHOUT CLAIM TO ANY PAR-

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Int. Cl.: 35 FOR: RETAIL STORE SERVICES AND ON-LINE RETAIL STORE SERVICES FEATURING A WIDE VARIETY OF GOODS, SUCHAS, PHOTOGRAPHS, BOOKS, CLOTHING, JEWELRY, KEY CHAINS, PINS, ORNAMENTS, NAMELY, SEASONAL AND HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS, MAGNETS, UMBRELLAS, STATIONERY AND POSTERS, IN CLASS 35 (U.S. CLS. 100, 101 PRINCIPAL REGISTER AND 102).

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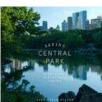
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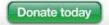
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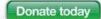
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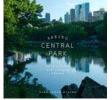
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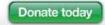
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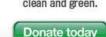
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